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1. SUMMARY. TWO DEMONSTRATIONS PREDOMINATLY ANTIAMERICAN TOOK PLACE AUGUST 18, FOUR MORE PRIVATE AUTOS
WERE BURNED AND OTHER CARS DAMAGED. PRESS PUBLISHED ANTIAMERICAN EDITORIALS. PIRAEUS STEVEDORES TODAY ARE REFUSING
TO UNLOAD AMERICAN EXPORT LINE'S EXPORT PATRIOT. END SUMMARY.

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2. LARGE DEMONSTRATION ESTIMATED AT ABOUT 3,000 ON SUNDAY

EVENING IN CONSTITUTION SQUARE WAS BROKEN UP BY POLICE WITH TEAR GAS AND WATER HOSES AS CROWD BEGAN TO MARCH TOWARD EMBASSY. DEMONSTRATORS SHOUTED NOW FAMILIAR "OUT AMERICANS", "KISSINGER ASSASSIN", "NATO, CIA BETRAYAL". GOG ANNOUNCED SEVEN POLICE AND THREE DEMONSTRATORS WERE INJURED; OF TWENTY-THREE ARRESTED ALL BUT FOUR RELEASED. GOG ANNOUNCEMENT OVER RADIO/TV EMPHASIZED THAT DEMONSTRATIONS ARE BANNED AND GEORGE RALLIS, MINISTER TO PM. ACCORDING TO PRESS. IN RESPONSE TO REOUEST FOR PERMIT FOR RALLY, REMARKED THAT POPULAR GATHERINGS IN SUPPORT OF CYPRIOT PEOPLE ARE UNNECESSARY SINCE GOVERNMENT DOING ALL POSSIBLE AND DEMONSTRATIONS BY EXTREMISTS WOULD ONLY HARM NATIONAL CAUSE. SMALLER DEMONSTRATION IN GLYFADA (SEASIDE SUBURB) EARLY MORNING AUGUST 19 CLIMAXED WITH BURNING OF AMERICAN CAR DRIVEN BY U.S. AIRMAN. ATHENS POLICE IN THESE AS PREVIOUS CASES HAVE ACTED PROMPTLY AND EFFECTIVELY. 3. SECOND CAR BURNED BELONGS TO VOA STATION MANAGER AT RHODES; THIRD AND FOURTH POV'S BURNED AUGUST 18 AND AUGUST 19 OWNED BY U.S. SERVICEMEN LIVING IN VOULA. BRINGING TOTAL TO EIGHT BURNED. BURNING TECHNIQUE IS TO THROW INFLAMMABLE MATERIAL ON CAR, IGNITE AND RUN. OTHER POV'S HAVE BEEN DAMAGED, SOME PAINTED INCLUDING EMBOFF AUTO WHICH HAD BROWN PAINT SPLASHED OVER FRONT AND SIDES. CONSULATE GENERAL THESSALONIKI HAS REPORT THAT THESSALONIKI ALIENS POLICE RECOMMMEND INFORMALLY THAT OWNERS OF AUTOMOBILES WITH FOREIGN MISSION (XA) NOT DIPLOMATIC LICENSE PLATES REMOVE THEM TO AVOID PROVOCATION.

4. EMBASSY NOTIFIED AUGUST 17 BY AMERICAN EXPORT LINES THAT ITS SHIP EXPORT PATRIOT IN PIRAEUS WITH 166 CONTAINERS OF PX AND COMMISSARY ITEMS CONSIGNED TO U.S. ARMY AND 70CONTAINERS OF REGULAR COMMERCIAL IMPORTS UNDER BOYCOTT BY PIRAEUS STEVEDORES. PORT AUTHORITIES WHO REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH EMBASSY ARE NEGOTIATING TO HAVE STEVEDORES DROP BOYCOTT

5. U.S. NAVY SHORE PATROL, NOW ORDERED TO WEAR CIVILIAN DRESS, REPORTED AUGUST 18 POV FORCED OFF ROAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BY TAXO NEAR ELEFSIS. ONE NAVY MAN HELD UP THREE HOURS AT AIRPORT AUGUST 18 WHEN GREEK AUTHORITIES DENIED THAT MOVEMENT ORDERS AND ID CARD SUFFICIENT DOCUMENTATION FOR ENTRY. "KISSINGER KILLER" WAS PAINTED ON ENLISTED MAN'S CAR AND FLEET SUPPORT OFFICE IS INVESTIGATING REPORT OF U.S. SAILOR WHO CLAIMS HE WAS ATTACKED BY TWO GREEKS.

6. EDITORIALS ATTACKING U.S. APPEARED IN TA NEA, ESTIA, AND ELEFTHEROS COSMOS. TA NEA AUGUST 17 WROTE THAT CYPRIOT TRAGEDY PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY FOR NATION TO BE CLEANSED OF ALL FOREIGN AGENTS. AMERICAN AGENTS, SELF-CONFESSED, ARE CHARGED WITH HAVING INTRODUCED INTO GREECE "ASSASSINATION OF INDIVIDUALS CIA-STYLE POLITICAL AMORALISM OF NIXON TYPE, ELASTICITY OF CONSICIENCE LIKE AGNEW, MORAL NEUTRALITY OF KISSINGER VARIETY, AND PLOTTING CYNICISM OF TASCA TYPE". AFTER ATTRIBUTING ALL RECENT HAPPENINGS IN GREECE TO FOREIGN AGENTS, FROM POTTS TO PAPADOPOULOS, TA NEA CALLS FOR THEIR EXPLUSION. SAME NEWSPAPER CALLED FOR REVIEW OF "HUMILIATING" BASE AGREEMENTS. ESTIA IN COMMENTARY AUGUST 17 URGED DENUNCIATION OF HOMEPORTING AGREEMENT SINCE THIS AGREEMENT HAS BROUGHT ONLY DAMAGE TO U.S. GREEK RELATIONS. "GREECE PROVIDED THESE FACILITIES IN EXCHANGE FOR PROTECTION WHICH US CANNOT GIVE". ELEFTHEROS COSMOS AUGUST 18 UNDER CAPTION, "NOBEL FOR PEACE AND ATTILA", DESCRIBED U.S. GIFTS TO TURKEY - OPIUM CULTIVATION, PROTECTION FOR "ATTILA OPERATIONS", UNSC RESOLUTION 353, APATHY OF SECRETARY KISSINGER TO TURKISH VIOLATIONS OF GENEVA DECLARATION OF JULY 30 AND DE FACTO RECOGNITION OF PARTITION OF CYPRUS. TASCA

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